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Treasury Department,  
Office of the Supervising Architect,

Washington, D. C., October 20, 1892.

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Superintendent,

U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to conversations had with you during my stay in Philadelphia, relating to the plans for the building for the new U. S. Mint, I have to say that the condition of the work in this Office renders it impossible to send a suitable person to Philadelphia to make the preliminary drawings; the main difficulty being not with regard to payment for the service, but because we have only one or two men who could render acceptable service in that matter, and they cannot be spared from the general business of the Office.

I think, however, we can take the matter up satisfactorily if you will have prepared a simple diagram of each floor, showing what, in your judgment, will be a convenient division of the floor space and arrangement of offices and of the working departments of the Mint. If we have the relative areas of the different rooms,



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An early reply to this communication will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

*James F. Low*  
Acting Supervising Architect.

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